

**Introduced by Senator Price**

February 22, 2013

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An act to amend Section 5074 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 789, as introduced, Price. Vehicles: special interest license plates: California Arts Council.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue, for fees in specified amounts, a special interest license plate bearing a full-plate graphic design that depicts a significant feature or quality of the State of California and is approved by the department in consultation with the California Arts Council. Existing law requires the California Arts Council to use the revenue derived from fee increases authorized during the 2003–04 Regular Session exclusively for arts education and local arts programming, and prohibits the council from using this revenue for administrative costs.

This bill would delete the provision prohibiting the California Arts Council from using this revenue for administrative costs.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 5074 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
- 2 read:
- 3 5074. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the
- 4 Polanco-Bates License Plates for the Arts Act of 1993. The

1 California Arts Council shall participate in the special interest  
2 license plate program.

3 (b) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration or  
4 renewal of registration, the following additional fees shall be paid  
5 for the issuance, transfer, or renewal of license plates bearing,  
6 notwithstanding Section 5060, a full-plate graphic design, ~~depicting~~  
7 *that depicts* a significant feature or quality of the State of  
8 California, approved by the department in consultation with the  
9 California Arts Council:

10 (1) For the original issuance of the plates, fifty dollars (\$50).

11 (2) For a renewal of registration of the plates, forty dollars (\$40).

12 (3) For the transfer of the special plates to another vehicle,  
13 fifteen dollars (\$15).

14 (4) In addition, for the issuance of an environmental license  
15 plate, as defined in Section 5103, with a full-plate graphic design,  
16 the additional fees prescribed in Sections 5106 and 5108. The  
17 additional fees prescribed in Sections 5106 and 5108 shall be  
18 deposited in the Environmental License Plate Fund.

19 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of subdivision (b), all  
20 fees collected under this section, after deduction of the  
21 department's costs in administering this section, shall be deposited  
22 in the Graphic Design License Plate Account, which is hereby  
23 established in the General Fund. The funds in the account shall be  
24 used by the California Arts Council, upon appropriation by the  
25 Legislature, for arts education and local arts programming.

26 (d) The California Arts Council shall use the revenue derived  
27 from the fee increases authorized by amendment of this section  
28 during the 2003–04 Regular Session exclusively for arts education  
29 and local arts programming. ~~The council shall not use that revenue~~  
30 ~~for its administrative costs.~~